

REMARKS

This application originally contains claims 1-30. Claims 1-30 have been cancelled without prejudice and new claims 31-53 have been added.

The new claims presented herein are supported by the disclosure *inter alia* as indicated in the following annotated version of the claims:

ANNOTATED VERSION OF NEW CLAIMS SHOWING SUPPORT THEREOF

31. A method for configuring point-of-sale terminals and at least one management center communicating therewith, the method comprising:

employing a configuration builder to create first and second linked files; (ELEMENTS 100, 102 AND 104 OF FIG. 1B AND PAGE 4 LINE 30 TO PAGE 5 LINE 4 OF THE SPECIFICATION)

utilizing said first file to create an application; (FIG. 1B - CREATION OF ELEMENTS 110 AND 114 FROM ELEMENT 102 AND PAGE 5, LINES 5 - 12 OF THE SPECIFICATION)

supplying said second file to said management center; (FIG. 1B - SUPPLYING ELEMENT 104 TO ELEMENT 136 AND PAGE 5 LINES 22 - 26 OF THE SPECIFICATION)

utilizing said second file to define a parameter structure which is adapted to said application and linked thereto; (PAGE 5, LINES 22 - 29)

supplying said application to a management center; (FIG. 1B - SUPPLYING ELEMENT 114 TO ELEMENT 124 AND PAGE 5, LINES 13 - 14)

operating said management center to select said application for at least one selected point-of-sale terminal and associating said parameter structure which is adapted to said selected application with said at least one selected point of sale terminal; (PAGE 5, LINES 22 - 29 AND PAGE 9 LINES 5 - 18)

employing said parameter structure for setting parameter values suitable for said selected application and said selected at least one selected point-of-sale terminal; and (FIG 3 AND PAGE 9 LINES 5 - 18)

supplying said application and said parameter values to said at least one selected point of sale terminal. (FIG 1B - SUPPLYING ELEMENTS 140 AND 142 TO ELEMENT 130)

32. A method for configuration of point-of-sale terminals according to claim 31 and wherein said management center is automatically operative to configure an operator interface in said management center using said parameter structure. (ELEMENT 134 OF FIG. 1B AND PAGE 5, LINES 15 – 26)

33. A method for configuration of point-of-sale terminals according to claim 31 and wherein said management center is automatically operative to configure at least one database in said management center on the basis of said parameter structure. (FIG. 1B - CONFIGURATION OF ELEMENTS 126, 124 AND 136 AND PAGE 5, LINES 22 – 29)

34. A method for configuration of point-of-sale terminals according to claim 31 and wherein said management center is automatically operative to reflect changes made by a software programmer in said application using said configuration builder in said parameter structure stored in at least one database. (PAGE 6, LINES 16 – 19)

35. A method for configuring point-of-sale terminals comprising:
employing at least one management center receiving an application and a parameter structure; (FIG. 1B - ELEMENT 120 RECEIVES ELEMENTS 114 AND 104 PAGE 5 LINES 8 – 26 OF THE SPECIFICATION)

operating said management center to select said application for at least one selected point-of-sale terminal and associating said parameter structure which is adapted to said selected application with said at least one selected point of sale terminal; (PAGE 9, LINES 12 – 15 AND PAGE 5 LINE 22 TO PAGE 6 LINE 1)

employing said parameter structure for setting parameter values suitable for said selected application and said selected at least one selected point-of-sale terminal; and (FIG 3 AND PAGE 9, LINES 5 – 19)

supplying said application and said parameter values to said at least one selected point of sale terminal. (FIG. 1B - SUPPLYING ELEMENTS 140 AND 142 TO ELEMENT 130 AND PAGE 5 LINE 30 TO PAGE 6 LINE 1)

36. A method for configuring point-of-sale terminals according to claim 35 and wherein said application is created by utilizing a first of first and second linked files. (FIG. 1B - CREATION OF ELEMENTS 110 AND 114 FROM ELEMENTS 102 AND 106 AND PAGE 4, LINE 30 TO PAGE 5 LINE 12 OF THE SPECIFICATION)

37. A method for configuring point-of-sale terminals according to claim 36 and wherein said parameter structure is defined by utilizing a second of said first and second linked files and is adapted to said application and linked thereto. (PAGE 5, LINES 22 - 29)

38. A method for configuring point-of-sale terminals according to claim 35 and wherein said management center is automatically operative to configure an operator interface in said management center using said parameter structure. (ELEMENT 134 OF FIG. 1B AND PAGE 5, LINES 15 - 26)

39. A method for configuring point-of-sale terminals according to claim 35 and wherein said management center is automatically operative to configure at least one database in said management center on the basis of said parameter structure. (FIG. 1B - CONFIGURATION OF ELEMENTS 126, 124 AND 136 AND PAGE 5, LINES 22 - 29)

40. A method for configuration of point-of-sale terminals according to claim 35 and wherein said management center is automatically operative to reflect changes made by a software programmer in said application using said configuration builder in said parameter structure stored in at least one database. (PAGE 6, LINES 16 - 19)

41. A system for configuring point-of-sale terminals comprising:

a configuration builder operative to create first and second linked files; (ELEMENTS 100, 102 AND 104 OF FIG. 1B AND PAGE 4 LINE 30 TO PAGE 5 LINE 4 OF THE SPECIFICATION)

an application generator utilizing said first file to create an application; (FIG. 1B – CREATION OF ELEMENTS 110 AND 114 FROM ELEMENT 102 AND PAGE 5, LINES 5 – 12 OF THE SPECIFICATION)

a parameter structure generator utilizing said second file to define a parameter structure which is adapted to said application and linked thereto; (PAGE 5, LINES 22 – 29)

a management center receiving said application and said parameter structure and being operative to select said application for at least one selected point-of-sale terminal and to associate said parameter structure which is adapted to said selected application with said at least one selected point of sale terminal. (FIG. 1B - ELEMENT 120 RECEIVES ELEMENTS 114 AND 104, PAGE 5, LINES 13 – 29 AND PAGE 9 LINES 5 – 18)

42. A system for configuring point-of-sale terminals according to claim 41 and wherein said management center includes functionality for employing said parameter structure for setting parameter values suitable for said selected application and said selected at least one selected point-of-sale terminal and supplying said application and said parameter values to said at least one selected point of sale terminal. (FIG 3, PAGE 9 LINES 5 – 18 AND FIG 1B - SUPPLYING ELEMENTS 140 AND 142 TO ELEMENT 130)

43. A system for configuring point-of-sale terminals according to claim 41 and wherein said management center is automatically operative to configure an operator interface in said management center using said parameter structure. (ELEMENT 134 OF FIG. 1B AND PAGE 5, LINES 15 – 26)

44. A system for configuring point-of-sale terminals according to claim 41 and wherein said management center is automatically operative to configure at least one

database in said management center on the basis of said parameter structure. (FIG. 1B - CONFIGURATION OF ELEMENTS 126, 124 AND 136 AND PAGE 5, LINES 22 - 29)

45. A system for configuring point-of-sale terminals according to claim 41 and wherein said management center is automatically operative to reflect changes made by a software programmer in said application using said configuration builder in said parameter structure stored in at least one database. (PAGE 6, LINES 16 - 19)

46. A system for configuring point-of-sale terminals comprising:
at least one management center receiving an application and a parameter structure; (FIG. 1B - ELEMENT 120 RECEIVES ELEMENTS 114 AND 104 PAGE 5 LINES 8 - 26 OF THE SPECIFICATION) and
an application selector operating said management center to select said application for at least one selected point-of-sale terminal and to associate said parameter structure which is adapted to said selected application with said at least one selected point of sale terminal. (PAGE 9, LINES 12 - 15 AND PAGE 5 LINE 22 TO PAGE 6 LINE 1)

47. A system for configuring point-of-sale terminals according to claim 46 and also comprising:
a parameter selector employing said parameter structure for setting parameter values suitable for said selected application and said selected at least one selected point-of-sale terminal. (FIG 3 AND PAGE 9, LINES 5 - 19)

48. A system for configuring point-of-sale terminals according to claim 47 and also comprising an application supply functionality operative to supply said application and said parameter values to said at least one selected point of sale terminal. (FIG. 1B - SUPPLYING ELEMENTS 140 AND 142 TO ELEMENT 130 AND PAGE 5 LINE 30 TO PAGE 6 LINE 1)

49. A system for configuring point-of-sale terminals according to claim 46 and wherein said application is created by utilizing a first of first and second linked files. (FIG. 1B - CREATION OF ELEMENTS 110 AND 114 FROM ELEMENTS 102 AND 106 AND PAGE 4, LINE 30 TO PAGE 5 LINE 12 OF THE SPECIFICATION)

50. A system for configuring point-of-sale terminals according to claim 47 and wherein said parameter structure is defined by utilizing a second of said first and second linked files and is adapted to said application and linked thereto. (PAGE 5, LINES 22 - 29)

51. A system for configuring point-of-sale terminals according to claim 46 and wherein said management center is automatically operative to configure an operator interface in said management center using said parameter structure. (ELEMENT 134 OF FIG. 1B AND PAGE 5, LINES 15 - 26)

52. A system for configuring point-of-sale terminals according to claim 46 and wherein said management center is automatically operative to configure at least one database in said management center on the basis of said parameter structure. (FIG. 1B - CONFIGURATION OF ELEMENTS 126, 124 AND 136 AND PAGE 5, LINES 22 - 29)

53. A system for configuring point-of-sale terminals according to claim 46 and wherein said management center is automatically operative to reflect changes in said application made by a software programmer in said parameter structure stored in at least one database. (PAGE 6, LINES 16 - 19)

In view of the foregoing remarks, all of the claims overcome the prior art of record, and thus are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

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